

# Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare update

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## Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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## Prior authorization requirement change for dentists

Effective immediately prior authorization (PA) is no longer required for American Dental Association *Current Dental Terminology* (CDT) procedure code D9420 (hospital call) for Wisconsin Medicaid recipients ages 0-5.

### Elimination of prior authorization requirement

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2001, Wisconsin Medicaid no longer requires prior authorization (PA) for American Dental Association *Current Dental Terminology* procedure code D9420 (hospital call) — previously 09420 — if the recipient receiving the service was five years of age or younger on the date of service.

*Please note:* Wisconsin Medicaid never requires PA in the case of an emergency, regardless of the age of the recipient.

Dental providers may call the dental correspondent unit at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883, Option 4, with questions regarding the elimination of this PA requirement or with other policy or billing questions.

### Services provided to Medicaid HMO enrollees

The policy change for Medicaid fee-for-service dentists does not apply to Medicaid HMOs. If the recipient is a Medicaid HMO enrollee *and* the facility where the service is being provided is *not* affiliated with the recipient's HMO, the facility must contact the enrollee's managed care organization for PA and billing requirements *prior* to the date of service. Facilities affiliated with the recipient's HMO should follow pre-established procedures. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits for enrollees as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/).